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SUBJ: CNTS 2ND CONGRESS POSTPONED

1. JULY 3 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE BUREAU OF CNTS DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE 2ND CONGRESS OF CNTS, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11. NO NEW DATE FOR THE CONGRESS WAS SELECTED, ACCORDING TO BABACAR DIAGNE, ASST. SEC. GEN., CNTS. REASON GIVEN FOR THE DELAY WAS LACK OF PROGRESS IN PREPARING PAPERS FOR THE CONGRESS, AND FACT THAT IMPORTANT CAP-VERT REGIONAL CONGRESS OF CNTS NOT ABLE TO BE HELD UNTIL AUG-SEPT. MOST OTHER FEDERATION AND REGIONAL CONGRESSES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, BEGINNING IN MARCH AND PROCEEDING AT RATE OF 2-3 PER WEEK. ALL WERE PROFORMA AFFAIRS LASTING ONE DAY.

2. JULY 11 DATE HAD BEEN SELECTED ARBITRARILY BY CNTS PRESIDENT DOUDOU NGOM EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND CNTS CONGRESS WAS ALSO PROJECTED TO SIT FOR ONLY ONE DAY, AND BE FILLED WITH CEREMONY AND HEARTY ENDORSEMENT OF GOS AND UPS PARTY POLICY RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF UNION MATTERS. THIS FORMAT WAS OBJECTED TO IN THE JULY 3 MEETING OF CNTS EXECUTIVE.

3. DIAGNE ASSURED US THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF AFL-CIO WOULD BE
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INVITED TO THE CONGRESS, AND EXPRESSED AN INTEREST HIMSELF IN ATTENDING THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO IN OCTOBER.

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